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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **IRICK, JR. et al.**)
Application No.: **09/662,965**) Art Unit: **1712**-
Filed: **September 15, 2000**) Examiner: **Short, Patricia A.**
For: **METHODS FOR SLOWING THE**)
DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE)
POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE)
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND) Confirmation No.: **3021**
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003. This Amendment is submitted in the form authorized by revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.